



# City of Santa Barbara

## LANDSCAPE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

A Statement of Compliance certifying that the landscape and irrigation plan complies with the mandatory elements of Landscape Design Standards for Water Conservation (Council Resolution No. 89-077), must be signed by a landscape architect licensed under the laws of the State of California (see Note below). The boxes on this table are for indicating where these items or notes are located on the plans.

- ☐ 1. Note on plan and verify that all proposed lawns shall utilize turf species listed as low water use varieties on the most recent list published by the University of California Cooperative Extension.
- ☐ 2. Note on plan that proposed turf areas shall not be located on slopes in excess of 20%.
- ☐ 3. List the allowed and proposed percentage of turf landscaping as they relate to the following:
  - ☐ a. Commercial projects shall be designed without turf.
  - ☐ b. No more than 20% turf or non-drought tolerant landscaping shall be used on all other projects.
- ☐ 4. Note or show in a standard detail that all planted areas (except lawns, groundcover, or other low lying shrubs) include mulch material to an average thickness of at least two inches throughout, except in the immediate vicinity of plant stems.
- ☐ 5. Irrigation plans shall clearly delineate separate irrigation valves serving each of the following areas:
  - ☐ a. Lawn areas;
  - ☐ b. Areas planted with non-drought tolerant plants;
  - ☐ c. Areas planted with drought tolerant plants; and
  - ☐ d. Separation of shade and sun areas.
- ☐ 6. Areas of sprinkler coverage shall be shown on the plans and shall be designed to prevent overspray and run-off. Indicate location of automatic rain shut-off valve.
- ☐ 7. The plans shall include a written list of irrigation stations, and the precipitation rates of those stations in inches per hour.
- ☐ 8. Note and show the percentage of drip, trickle, or other low volume irrigation and provide for a minimum of 25% of the proposed landscape area.
- ☐ 9. If the project is located in the High Fire Hazard area obtain a preliminary stamp of approval from the Fire Department on the plans.

NOTE: There are two exceptions to the requirement that a licensed landscape architect certify that the plans are in compliance with the provisions of the Landscape Design Standards for Water Conservation: 1) single-family residence projects; and/or 2) projects consisting of less than 5,000 square feet of new landscaping. Under these circumstances, the owner of the property and a landscape contractor licensed under the laws of the State of California shall also be authorized to state that the plans are in conformance with the Landscape Design Standards for Water Conservation.

**Compliance Statement**

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**Low-Water Using Landscape Design**

**Mandatory Measures:**

**Sheet#**

(Show calculations of required areas on referenced sheets.)

Approved low water species specified for lawn areas	_____
No turf on >20% slope	_____
For residential, 80% or > of landscape area low-water using plants	_____
For commercial, 100% of landscape area low-water plants using plants (Landscape area includes parkway)	_____
<20% of area in turf of high-water using plants (95 turf for commercial projects, except as exempted)	_____
Two inches of mulch specified as required	_____
Separate valve(s) to high-water using plants	_____
Separate valve(s) to lawn areas	_____
Irrigation designed to prevent overspray	_____
List of irrigation stations, w/rate in inches/hour, ga./hr. or ga./min.	_____
Drip/low volume irrigation system on >25% of landscaped area	_____

Exceptions Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Specify Section No.)

I state that I am familiar with the Water Conservation Landscape Design Standards as most recently adopted by the Santa Barbara City Council and that the landscape design for this project complies with the mandatory provisions thereof.

It is my understanding that verification of compliance will be necessary upon final building inspection. I shall inspect the completed installation and I will submit in writing that the installation substantially conforms to the approved plans.

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Signature

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Name

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License #

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Exp. Date